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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this  
paper and include two annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of  
this paper.